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DEPARTMENT FOR A/SY/MGT, JOSEPH TERRANOVA, JR.

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW SECURITY POSITIONS

REF: STATE 225985

1. EMBASSY WOULD ALREE TO ADDITIONAL SECURITY OFFICER POSITION, PROVIDED IT WERE FILLED BY RSO RATHER THAN TSO. THIS COINCIDES WITH JUSTIFICATION FOR POSITIONS CITED IN REFTEL. RSO HAS HAD SIGNIFICANT WORKLOAD INCREASE DURING PAST SEVERAL YEAS. INCREASE HAS INCLUDED, BUT NOT BEEN LIMITED TO, NEED TO PROVIDE GREATER ATTENTION TO COUNTER-TERRORISM AND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR NUMEROUS VIP VISITS TO JAPAN IN WHICH PRINCIPAL HAS REQUIRED PROTECTION. INCREASED REQUIREMENTS IN TOKYO HAVE MADE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR RSO TO GIVE FAIR SHARE OF TIME AND ATTENTION TO CONSTITUENT POSTS.

2. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT PRESENT RSO MANPOWER WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO REACT TO EMERGENCIES AND TO ACCOMPLISH REQUIRED ROUTINE ASSIGNMENTS. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE LITTLE OR NO TIME TO DEVOTE TO NUMBER OF ASPECTS OF THE SECURITY PROGRAM WHICH SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BUT WHICH TIME DOES NOT PERMIT. ONE EXAMPLE IS THE NEED TO UIDATE ALL EMERGENCY PLANS;
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A NUMBER ARE THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RSO

AND WITH OTHERS LIKE THE E&E PLAN, THE RSO COULD PROVIDE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE. ANOTHER AREA IS TRAINING OF SUBORDINATES; PRESENTLY, TRAINING IS ACCOMPLISHED BY ASSIGNING A TASK AND CRITIQUIING IT UPON COMPLETION. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE, IF TIME PERMITTED, TO WORK WITH THE ASSISTANT RSO THROUGH VARIETY OF PROJECTS IN ORDER TO PREPARE HIM FOR ASSIGNMENT WHERE HE WOULD FUNCTION ALONE.

3. WHILE WE HAVE NOT BEEN IN NEW BUILDING LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE FINAL JUDGMENT, IT APPEARS THAT OCCUPANCY OF NEW BUILDING WILL INCREASE RATHER THAN LESSEN RSO WORKLOAD.

4. ABOVE WAS DISCUSSED WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EA DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO TOKYO. IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT HE IS IN AGREEMENT.
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